(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under various crop specific programmes such as Integrated Cereals Development Programme on Rice (ICDP-Rice), ICDP-Wheat, ICDP-Coarse Cereals, Special Jute Development Programme etc., assistance is provided for the distribution of implements/machines to farmers, which includes implements/machines like paddy planter, puddler, seed cum fertiliser drill, cultivator, maize planter, disc/blade harro, wheel hoe etc. These are manually/bullock drawn.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Under the above mentioned Schemes, farmers are given training for the adoption of new technologies including use of implements/machines.

News report on Urea Scam in West Bengal

1489. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times, dated 26th June, 1996 captioned "Now a urea scam in West Bengal" involving the National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) for nearly 14,000 tonnes of imported urea for Hindustan Lever;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the sub-standard quality and harmful effects to the crops by the above-mentioned urea shipped in from a foreign firm to West Bengal; and

(c) the remedial steps Government propose to take in consultation with West Bengal in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Out of the total material discharged from vessel "Sea Venus" at Sagour Port and subject to quality check, 6514 MTs of urea was found to meet the quality specifications as prescribed in the Fertilizer (Control) Order (FCO) 1985. The balance 11,736 MTs met the nutrient specifications but was reported to be deficient in particle size.

The distribution to farmers of the entire quantity declared non-standard by the State Government has been stopped.

M/s Hindustan Lever Ltd. have applied to the State Government for permission to dispose off the non-standard urea as per the provisions of F.C.O. Separately, Government of India has issued notice to M/s National Fertilizers Limited, the canalising agency in this case, for imposition of penalty for the deviation in particle size.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER CORRECTING ANSWER TO QUESTION— 12.00 Noon

Starred Question 44, dated 12th July, 1996 regarding stoppage of Special dispensation admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Statement to be made by the Minister for Human Resource Development, Mr. S.R. Bommai... *(interruptions)*...

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया: *(बिहार) मंत्री जी नहीं हैं।... (व्यवधान)*

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Rajasthan): He told me yesterday that he was leaving for Atlanta — for treatment or